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SUBJECT: FURTHER REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH
APRIL 23.

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1. WIGGIN, WHO REPRESENTED UK AT APRIL 25 EC POLITICAL
DIRECTORS MEETING, TOLD US TODAY THAT REACTION AMONG
POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO KISSINGER'S APRIL 23 SPEECH
WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE BUT FRENCH SHOWED THEMSELVES
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2. WIGGIN SAID THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY DOUGLAS- HOME WILL DELIVER MAJOR STATEMENT ON KISSINGER SPEECH FRIDAY AT MEETING OF ONE OF HIS SCOTTISH CONSTITUENCIES. HE PREDICTED THAT US WOULD BE PLEASED WITH THIS STATEMENT. WIGGIN EXPLAINED THAT SCOTTISH CONSTITUENCY WAS NOT IDEAL PLATFORM FOR SUCH A STATEMENT BUT IT WAS ONE MOST IMMEDIATELY AT HAND; PARLIAMENT IS STILL IN RECESS. WE ARE INFORMED THAT BASIC IDEAS IN SPEECH AND DECISION TO MAKE MINISTERIAL PRONOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME WERE HOME'S OWN. WE WILL CABLE FULL TEXT OF HOME SPEECH AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

3. IN EARLIER CONTACT WITH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WE WERE INFORMED THAT HEATH HAD PERSONALLY APPROVED FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATED PROGRAM. PLAN TO EXPLORE THIS PHENOMENON AT ROME MEETING AND HOPEFULLY PROPOSE WAYS OF OBVIATING THIS PROBLEM.

3. BELIEVE STATE / AID POSITION FOR ROME MEETING, WHICH BEING CABLED TO FIELD, TAKES ABOVE CONCERNS INTO CONSIDERATION. MENTION OF POSSIBILITY OF MEDIUM AND LONG- RANGE PROJECT COINED IN FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: QUOTE FINALLY, IT IS OUR BELIEF THE DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN THE SAHALIEN AREA IS A SYMPTOM OF A MUCH LARGER PROBLEM - THE PRESERVATION OF ARID LANDS. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY TO JOIN WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE SAHELIAN ZONE, TO LOOK AT THE MYRIAD PROBLEMS OF THESE ARID LANDS IN DETAIL, AND TO SEARCH FOR APPROPRIATE MEDIUM AND LONG RANGE SOLUTIONS TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP THE ARID AREAS. END QUOTE.

4. YOU ALREADY AWARE ROME MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 4, 1973 AND FARNHAM AND SPENCER WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY VISIT FIELD DURING INTERIM. FARNHAM HOPES VISIT DAKAR AND BAMAKO AND SPENCER WILL MEET WITH EMBASSY AND AID OFFICIALS IN ABIDJAN AND NIAMEY. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING USG PARTICIPATING IN MEETING. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND AID/ STATE REACTIONS RE: ERTS COOPERATION IN DROUGHT EMERGENCY. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON FAC & FED TALKS. SHOULD INDICATE NOW, HOWEVER, THAT FAC & FED OFFICIALS EXTREMELY INTERESTED UTILIZING ERTS IMAGERY IN ADDRESSING LONG RANGE SAHEL PROBLEMS AND FED SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY OFFERED TO FUND UNDERTAKING. IRWIN

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